

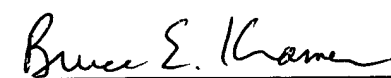
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct improper multiple claim dependencies. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 or 2, wherein fluorine gas and/or ammonia gas is fed in portions.
5. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 or 2, wherein the concentration of fluorine gas fed is 3 mol % or less.
6. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 or 2, wherein the concentration of ammonia gas fed is 6 mol % or less.
7. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 or 2, wherein the diluting gas is at least one selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, helium, argon, hexafluoroethane and octafluoropropane.
8. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 or 2, wherein the diluting gas is reused by circulation.
9. (Amended) The process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1 or 2, wherein a step of treating unreacted fluorine gas is provided and in the step, unreacted fluorine gas is treated with an aqueous alkali solution and/or alumina.
11. (Amended) A nitrogen trifluoride product comprising the nitrogen trifluoride obtained by the production process described in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1 or 2.